

(*Myrica cerifera* L.). Others, who have tried to do the same thing and failed, may be prompted to test the following method, adopted with success by Mrs. Henrietta Page: —

“Eight quarts of bayberries were boiled in water, only a small globule of melted wax appearing on the surface — a discouraging result for one whose hopes are large and whose persistence is small. It appeared that most of the wax was still clinging to the berries. They were therefore thrown into a colander lined with a muslin bag, and allowed to drain thoroughly. As many nuggets of wax were still visible, the mass was heated and drained a second time. As the liquid cooled, a thin cake of wax was formed on the surface. This was taken off and allowed to cool slowly, to prevent cracking. The amount obtained from eight quarts of October berries was two and one half ounces, a very satisfactory reward for the labor.”

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